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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Chief Patrol Agents (b)(6)(b)(7)(C)
All Division Chiefs (b)(6)(b)(7)(C)

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SUBJECT: Vehicles Authorized for Pursuits and Offensive Driving
Techniques

This memorandum supersedes and replaces the memorandum dated April 21, 2011, of the same title.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Directive No. 4510-25, *Emergency Driving and Vehicular Pursuits by Customs and Border Protection Personnel*, has enhanced the ability of Border Patrol agents to pursue suspects and end pursuits in a timely and safe manner. To meet the training criteria of the new directive, the U.S. Border Patrol Academy developed and implemented the Emergency Driving and Vehicular Pursuit Training Program.

Since the inception of the program, the Academy has trained and certified Border Patrol agents to conduct pursuits in sedans and intermediate vehicles (institutionally known as (b)(7)(E)), and perform offensive driving techniques in sedans. Further research and development determined that the techniques taught in the program apply to all high-center-of-gravity vehicles (HCGVs), including (b)(7)(E). Please note that (b)(7)(E) or vans, are not classified as an HCGV for the purposes of this policy.

Effective immediately, agents who received pursuit training certification in HCGVs are authorized to pursue in all HCGVs. In addition, pursuant to Section 6.6.5 of the policy, supervisors may authorize those agents who have successfully completed Offensive Driving Techniques (ODT) training to conduct ODT in HCGVs or sedans.

The Academy will provide all program graduates with an update bulletin that addresses driving techniques for HCGVs, including vehicle limitations for pursuits and offensive driving techniques. In addition, each sector will receive an Academy DVD presentation on offensive driving techniques to inform supervisors and managers about the training that their agents received through the program.

Staff may direct all inquiries regarding this change to Assistant Chief (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) with the Policy Branch in the Strategic, Planning, Policy and Analysis Division, at (b)(6) (b)(7)(C).